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FORMALITIES LETTER



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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- Additional claim fees of \$280 as a small entity, including any required multiple dependent claim fee, are required. Applicant must submit the additional claim fees or cancel the additional claims for which fees are due.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fee(s) required for this application is \$280 for a Small Entity

- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$280
 - \$135 for 25 total claims over 20.
 - \$145 for multiple dependent claim surcharge.

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In re Application of:)
 James F. Aaron)
 Serial No.: 10/824,265)
 Filed: April 14, 2004)
 Art Unit: 3635)
 Examiner: Not Yet Assigned)
 Docket No.: 275143.100)

**HEAVY-DUTY MAT PANEL
 CONNECTOR AND SYSTEM FOR
 CONNECTING MAT PANELS**

August 26, 2004

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**RESPONSE TO THE NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS
 OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION – FILING DATE GRANTED**

Dear Sir/Madam:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application – Filing Date Granted, which was mailed on June 28, 2004, the above-identified Applicant respectfully submits the following items:

1. a check in the amount of two hundred eighty (\$280) dollars for the additional claims fee; and
2. a copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application – Filing Date Granted.

The Applicant believes that the present application now satisfies all formalities and should be in a form acceptable to be forwarded to an Examiner.

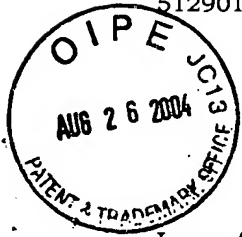
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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir:

Enclosed is a Response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application – Filing Date Granted (2 pages), a copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application – Filed Under 37 CFR 1.53(b) – Filing Date Granted (2 pages), postcard, Express Mail Certification, and a check in the amount of two hundred eighty (\$280) dollars for the additional claims fee.

Please send all correspondence in connection with this application to Meyer, Unkovic & Scott LLP, 1300 Oliver Building, Pittsburgh, PA 15222.

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